

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph after the second paragraph on page 5, lines 17-27:

As also illustrated in FIG. 4, branched carbon nanotubes 20 are illustrated branching off from a main carbon nanotube 21. It is noted that as illustrated in FIG. 4, dispersed catalytic metal particles 22 are on surfaces of both the main and branched carbon nanotubes.